



Island visitors celebrate the “Best Thanksgiving Feast” at the Sunset Beach Bistro

The little restaurant on the beach that is part of the Divi Phoenix Resort is a perennial favorite with a number of guests that vacation on Aruba during the Thanksgiving holiday. For seven years, their reasonably priced holiday menu combined with the beautiful sunset view has attracted diners staying at resorts all over Aruba, and this year was no exception.

It was the deciding factor for the combined Arvanitis and Whalley families from Massachusetts. Though they had two different names and totaled nineteen dinner guests, they are actually four generations of the same family, ranging in ages from Christopher, who is eight, to great, great grandma Eleanor, ninety-three years old. They are in Aruba for the first time, celebrating many milestones, such as John Arvanitis, marking his fiftieth birthday, and also a landmark anniversary. It was John’s choice to observe the holiday with a beautiful sunset view, and the entire family reports that the Sunset Beach Bistro Thanksgiving buffet did not disappoint, but provided a fine finish to their Aruba vacation they will long remember.

In complete agreement with their choice for the holiday was a group of twenty-five that are owners of timesharing at the Caribbean Palm Villas, and have been returning to the island for anywhere from ten to twenty-six years. Though made up of fourteen different families they consider themselves one “extended family” that have grown close over the years vacationing at the same resort. This is a familiar story in Aruba, where families from all over the U.S. have been brought together by their vacation friendships, and celebrate the holidays and special occasions together. Red Dwyer, this year’s organizer of Thanksgiving dinner said that observing the holiday at the Sunset Beach Bistro has become a tradition for their group. “We have been coming to Thanksgiving here at the Phoenix for years now, and have tried a couple of other places, but no more, the dinner that you get, and the people, the view, and the ambiance make it the absolutely best Thanksgiving dinner on the island.” Everyone in their party agreed, so that is a five star review on Thanksgiving at the Sunset Beach Bistro!